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**MEDIA ADVISORY**

**Students At Sacramento's Crocker Riverside Elementary To Participate In  
Statewide Earthquake Preparedness Drill**

*Event kicks off 18<sup>th</sup> Annual California Earthquake Preparedness Month*

**WHAT:** The 18<sup>th</sup> Annual California Earthquake Preparedness Month will be kicked off when students at Crocker-Riverside Elementary School join representatives of the Governor's Office of Emergency Services and the Sacramento City Fire Department and participate in the "Earthquake: Duck, Cover, and Hold" drill. Prior to the drill, the media will be invited into the classroom to observe a short earthquake education presentation from OES and the Sacramento City Fire Department.

The drill will be carried out simultaneously in hundreds of schools, homes, and workplaces around Sacramento and the rest of California as a recorded "Earthquake: Duck, Cover, and Hold" Drill message from Governor Davis airs on nearly 100 radio and television stations statewide.

**WHEN:** Tuesday, April 3, 2001 – 10:00 a.m. (OES and Sac. Fire to make presentation to kids at 10 a.m., drill at 10:30 a.m.)

**WHERE:** Crocker-Riverside Elementary School  
2970 Riverside Blvd. (south of Broadway)

**BACKGROUND:**

Seismic faults along both sides of the Sacramento Valley underscore the importance of earthquake preparedness, even in Sacramento. "Duck, Cover, and Hold" is the basic safety action that all people should do during an earthquake.

**ADDITIONAL DETAILS:**

The following message has been prerecorded by Governor Davis and will be broadcast at 10:30 a.m.

***"April is California Earthquake Preparedness Month. If you can safely do so, please join me in an Earthquake Safety Drill. DUCK down and take COVER under a sturdy desk or table or against an interior wall. HOLD this position until this test message has been completed. During emergencies, tune to a local radio or television station for safety instructions and other official information."***

Background information and resource materials for schools and children are available on the OES "Ready to Ride it Out" Web site at [www.oes.ca.gov](http://www.oes.ca.gov).

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